

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION
Thursday, July 26, 2012

A regular meeting of the Parks and Recreation Commission was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by Pamela Melville, Chairperson, in the Sierra Room at the Reedley Community Center, 100 N. East Avenue, Reedley, CA 93654.

1. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSIONER – Kelly deJarnette – Introduction by Pam Melville. Commissioner deJarnette briefly talked about her background and experience.
2. ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS
 - A. Commissioners Present: Pam Melville, Chairperson; Tom Brandt, Vice Chairperson; Kelly deJarnette; Stephen Penner.
 - B. Commissioners Absent: Unexcused - Traci Tucker.
 - C. Youth Commissioners Present: Jared Hirata
 - D. Youth Commissioners Absent: Rica Coria
 - E. Staff Present: Sarah Reid, Community Services Superintendent.
 - F. Others Present: Alejandra Ramos; Jennifer Ito; Stephanie Ito.
3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
It was moved by Commissioner Brandt, seconded by Commissioner Penner, that the minutes of April 26, 2012 be approved. The motion carried.
4. PUBLIC DISCUSSION – None.
5. ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS – None.
6. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. **Recognition of Outgoing Youth Representatives to Parks and Recreation Commission** – Commissioner Melville presented Jared Hirata with a plaque to recognize his second year of service as Youth Representative. Both Sarah Reid and Pam Melville summarized his accomplishments as Youth Rep over the past year. Rica Coria was not present, but will receive her award at a later date.
 - B. **Review of Youth Representative Applications** – Sarah Reid presented the idea of changing the current guidelines to extend the term from 1 year to 2. This would mean every year we would be appointing 1 every other year. Some points that were brought up included: high school is a busy time and hard to get someone to commit to two years; an idea to leave the term the same but if they are interested, automatically allow them to continue; if the Youth Rep didn't work out, did we want to restrict ourselves to automatically receive it. The decision of the commission was to leave the guidelines as-is at this time and revisit it next year in March (before we recruit).
 - C. **Review of 2012-13 Youth Representatives Applications** –

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Commissioner Melville asked the applicants why they wanted to serve as a Youth Rep. Each talked about their current involvements and why they felt they would be a good fit on the Commission. The applicants were excused. After some discussion, the Commission chose Rica Coria and Alejandra Ramos to fill the 2012-13 term as Youth Representative to the Parks and Recreation Commission.

- D. **Program Report** – Sarah Reid distributed our current fliers for some of our current and upcoming programs. She touched on the highlights:
- Summer Programs– Aquatics, Day Camp, Summer Food Program, Adult Softball, Ballet, and Jr. Giants. She explained that Day Camp has been restructured this year. We added 5 and 6 year olds to our Jr. Giants program this year. Previous years we topped out at 185 players; this year we received over 350 players.
 - Upcoming Fall Programs – Leisure Guide, PreSchool Registration, Rabobank Fiesta Walk Run, Girls Volleyball; Tiny Tots Flag Football; Tumbling.

3. **YOUTH REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

- A. Jared Hirata –
- 1) Suggested an advertising board be placed at Citizens Park since it is such a highly used park.
 - 2) Thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve two terms as Youth Representative.

4. **STAFF REPORTS**

- A. Budget Report- Sarah handed out the approved, itemized budget for our department.
- B. Coach of the Year – No applications received, but staff would like to nominate someone. Will bring to Commission at the next meeting.

5. **COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

- A. Commissioner Penner –
- Asked about plans for the old pool facility and if it could be torn down. He would like to have this item on the next agenda.
 - Would like to see the Rail Trail the rest of the way to the Sports Park.
 - Suggested Joel come to the next Foundation meeting to start talking about projects they can start working on.
- B. Commissioner Brandt
- Security on the Rail Trail between Reed and Manning. Seems like a lot of suspicious activity and people. Asked Joel is anything can be done to clean up this area.
 - During fireworks show, cars parking on dry grass – need better preparation to knock weeds down to prevent fires.

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- Asked for Chris Tamez, Parks Superintendent to come to next P&R meeting.
 - C. Commissioner deJarnette – Happy to be on the Commission. Looks forward to upcoming projects.
 - D. Commissioner Melville
 - Aware that a drain in the SE corner of sports park is not working – a puddle of water. Need to either fix or spray for mosquitoes.
 - Trail is starting to have lots of weeds - wants to have a clean up day. Put on September agenda.
6. ADJOURNMENT
As there was no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Denise Phariss, Administrative Assistant

Pamela Melville, Chairperson

Sarah Reid, CS Superintendent